Welfare schemes for SCs/STs/minorities etc. in Himachal Pradesh

2026. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of welfare schemes and programmes formulated by Government upliftment of SCs/STs/Adivasis/minorities and other weaker sections of the society in Himachal Pradesh during the last five years;

(b) the details of funds allocated and spent for implementation of these schemes during this period; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) During the last five years, the following welfare schemes and programmes have been formulated by the Government for upliftment of Other Backward Classes and Scheduled Tribes: (i) Pre-examination Coaching for Backward Classes; (ii) Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations for OBCs; (iii) Post-Matric Scholarship for OBCs; (iv) Pre-Matraic Scholarship for OBCs; (v) Boys & Girls Hostels for OBCs and (vi) Development of Primitive Tribal Groups. During this period, no funds were released under these schemes for Himachal Pradesh.

Sexual harassment of women employees at work places

2027. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the women employees in both organized and unorganized sector including PSUs are aware of their rights to protect themselves from sexual harassments at their work places or related places;

(b) if so, how many cases of such harassments have been recorded during the last three years;

(c) whether these reported cases were or are properly investigated by some independent organization and the culprits are brought to book; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The Government have taken a number of steps to ensure that women employees are aware of their rights to protect themselves from sexual harassment at their work places or related places. These steps, *inter-alia*, are request to various Ministries/Departments and other organization of Central/State Government to constitute Complaints Committees, amendment of Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules and Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946 in order to prohibit sexual harassment. Besides, the National Commission for Women (NCW) has formulated a Code of Conduct for work place which has been widely circulated amongst Government/non-governmental organizations. To monitor the implemenation, a Central Committee headed by Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development in the Ministry of Human Resource Development has been constituted.

(b) to (d) The Government does not receive complaints directly. These are received by Complaints Committees set up in various Ministries/Departments and other institutions and actions are taken as per the existing rules. However, NCW have received 143 complaints of harassment upto 30/6/2002 from various States during the last three years.

Dalit families rendered homeless in Gujarat

2028. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of dalit families have been rendered homeless during the recent Gujarat riots; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The Government of Gujarat have intimated that during the recent riots in Gujarat, 33 such families were rendered homeless and the estimated loss on account of fully destroyed houses in Rs. 03.38 lakhs. Further, 565 houses were partially destroyed with estimated loss of Rs. 27.62 lakhs.